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Robin J. Guthrie

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Title: Fuel Cell Reactant Flow Fields That
Maximize Planform UtilizationI hereby certify that this correspondence is being
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSECommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

On April 7, 2008, the undersigned was informed by an I.P. paralegal, in the patent department of the assignee, that the Declaration of Jeffrey Lake was not going to be used. On April 8, 2008, a Request for Reconsideration of the Final Rejection dated December 10, 2007 was filed together with a Petition for a One Month Extension, an RCE, and a Declaration of Robin Guthrie Under 37 CFR 1.132.

On April 11, 2008, the enclosed Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Jeffrey Lake was provided to the undersigned by an I.P. attorney of the assignee's patent department.


Please enter the enclosed Declaration of Jeffrey Lake. It was not submitted with the Request for Reconsideration due to an administrative mix-up, which was inadvertent. The Lake Declaration establishes that the phrases in claim 1 at lines 8-11 and line 13 are not disclosed in Fujii.

MPEP 714.03(a) lists situations for entry of supplemental responses, and then adds, "*This list is not exhaustive. The examiner has the discretion to approve the entry of a supplemental reply that is not listed above.*" The Declaration is short and to the point.

To save the Examiner considerable time when this case is taken up, a short phone call is recommended should any issue herein still be unresolved. A few minutes on the phone could clarify a point, or result in a supplemental response which would further limit or dispose

of issues. A five minute phone call can save the Examiner a lot of work. Such a phone call would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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